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Soviet Writing on African Trade Unions Soviet concern for the development of "proletarian class ideology".

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"Dictatorship" in the Arab World An article by a Jordanian Communist condemning "bourgeois" Arab leaders for rejecting cooperation with the Communists and setting up regimes of "dictatorship".

The Working Class in Egypt Review of a book by F.M. Atsamba on the subject.

African Studies in Moscow The Soviet approach to African studies.

Africa's Future: The Soviet View Introduces a booklet by I.I. Potekhin, AFRICA LOOKS AHEAD, an abridgement of which accompanies this issue as a supplement.

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Ibn Sa'ud and the Ikhwan An unsympathetic Soviet account of Ibn Sa'ud's reign and his policies.

The Trade Union Movement in Syria The growth of the movement, and of Communist influence in it, prior to the establishment of the UAR.

PRAVDA's Replies to UAR Criticisms of the Soviet Union A PRAVDA article criticizing the UAR regime, and a subsequent article replying to UAR protests on the subject.

More Soviet Thoughts on African Nationalism Soviet reservations and misgivings on the subject.

Classes in African Society The Soviet view that classes are inherent in African society and that Marxism-Leninism is as applicable to Africa as to the rest of the world.

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Soviet Views on the Christian Churches in Africa Soviet writing on the relationship of the missions to the independence movement and to African indigenous culture.

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November — The 22nd CPSU Congress Aspects of the Congress which are relevant to the Middle East and Africa; the Soviet view of the impact of the CPSU Programme on the countries of Africa and Asia; the development of Soviet views of the "national liberation movement"; speeches by Middle East and African delegates to the Congress.

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